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FIRST RECORD OF THE MISSISSIPPI KITE FOR BOLIVIA

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An adult male Mississippi Kite (Ictinia mississippiensis) was banded by DS on 6 July 1984 (USFWS #0745-69057) at a nest in San Angelo, Tom Green Co., Texas. The nest was located in a Mulberry tree (Morus microphylla) near a home in a residential area. On 11 November 1986, the kite was shot at San Miguel de Velasco (16°4'S, 61°0'W) Department of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. San Miguel de Velasco is in a region of semihumid lowland forest in eastern Bolivia.

The migratory and wintering range of the Mississippi Kite is poorly understood (AOU 1983) but is known to include portions of Central and South America. A band recovery has been reported from Guatemala (Parker 1977) and the species has been collected in Paraguay (Blake 1949) and northern Argentina (Eisenmann 1963; Olrog 1968). The San Miguel de Velasco record is the first confirmation of the species from Bolivia (J. V. Remsen, Jr., pers. comm.; Meyer de Schauensee 1966, 1970; Blake 1977; Mayr and Cottrell 1979) and the first Mississippi Kite band recovery from South America (D. Bystrak, pers. comm.).

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